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## RESPONSE AFTER FINAL EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

## PATENT

**CASE NO.: 8627/092 (PA-5239-RFB)**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

MATTHEW M. GRAF, et al.

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

**MAIL STOP AF**  
**Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks**  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the final Office Action of December 30, 2003.  
No Amendments have been made in this paper.

**A listing of pending claims begins on page 2 of this paper.**

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